

**CLAIMS****What Is Claimed Is:**

- 1 1. A method of manufacturing a computing product comprising:  
2 assembling a computing product according to a specified hardware  
3 configuration;  
4 transmitting configuration information to the assembled computing  
5 product via a wireless communication connection;  
6 receiving the configuration information by the assembled  
7 computing product; and  
8 configuring the assembled computing product with the received  
9 configuration information.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is hardware  
2 configuration information.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is software  
2 configuration information.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information  
2 further comprises:  
3 wirelessly transmitting driver information for peripheral devices to  
4 the assembled computing product.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information  
2 further comprises:  
3 wirelessly transmitting operating system configuration information  
4 to the assembled computing product.

- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information  
2 further comprises:  
3 wirelessly transmitting application software configuration  
4 information to the assembled computing product.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 wirelessly transmitting application software to the assembled  
3 computing product.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the application software is selected by a  
2 predetermined customer.
- 1 9. The method of claim 7 wherein the application software configuration is  
2 defined by a predetermined customer.
- 1 10. The method of claim 7 wherein the application software configuration is  
2 defined by a customer's service provider.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the specified hardware configuration in the  
2 assembling is a customer selected configuration.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the computing product is a battery  
2 powered portable computer system.
- 1 13. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 confirming the computing product is appropriately configured  
3 subsequent to the configuring.

- 1 14. A method of manufacturing a battery-powered portable computer system,  
2 the computer system having a wireless communication subsystem, the  
3 method comprising:  
4 assembling a computer system according to a selected hardware  
5 configuration;  
6 placing the computer system in a shipping container thus providing  
7 a containerized computer system;  
8 transmitting configuration information to the containerized computer  
9 system;  
10 receiving the configuration information by the containerized  
11 computer system through the wireless communication subsystem; and  
12 configuring the containerized computer system according to the  
13 configuration information.
- 1 15. The method of manufacturing a battery-powered portable computer  
2 system of claim 14 further comprising:  
3 putting the containerized computer system into a standby state  
4 prior to placing the computer system in the shipping container.
- 1 16. The method of manufacturing a computer system of claim 14 further  
2 comprising:  
3 waking up the computer from the stand by state prior to the  
4 transmitting.
- 1 17. The method of manufacturing a battery-powered portable computer  
2 system of claim 14 further comprising:  
3 putting the containerized computer system into a power down state  
4 subsequent to the configuring.

1 18. A method of configuring a computer system, the computer system having  
2 a wireless communication subsystem, the method comprising:  
3 assembling a computer system according to a predetermined  
4 hardware configuration;  
5 placing the computer system in a shipping container thus providing  
6 a containerized computer system; and  
7 completing software configuration of the containerized computer  
8 system before shipping the computer system to a predetermined  
9 customer by exchanging information between the wireless communication  
10 subsystem and a wireless information network.

1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the completing further comprises:  
2 transmitting configuration information through the wireless  
3 information network to the containerized computer system; and  
4 receiving the configuration information by the containerized  
5 computer system through the wireless communication subsystem.

1 20. The method of claim 19 further comprising:  
2 configuring the containerized computer system according to the  
3 received configuration information before shipping the computer system.

1 21. The method of claim 19 further comprising:  
2 configuring the containerized computer system when the computer  
3 system is first turned on by the customer.